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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claims 1, 2, 7, 9-11, 14-18, 21, 24, 25, 27-29, 32-39 are pending in the application. In the Office action mailed October 2, 2008, claims 15-18, 21, 24-25, and 33-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,614,796 to Black et al. ("Black"). Claim 36 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Black in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,697,914 to Hospodor et al ("Hospodor"). However, claims 1, 2, 7, 9-11, 14, 27-29, 32, and 37-39 were allowed. The Examiner is thanked for attention to the application.

Rejected claims 15-18, 21, 24-25, and 33-36 are now cancelled.

Accordingly, only allowed claims 1, 2, 7, 9-11, 14, 27-29, 32 and 37-39 remain in the application. In view of the foregoing, the application is believed in condition for allowance, and allowance of the same is respectfully requested.

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